

BENTON CONSOLIDATED HIGH SCHOOL
Benton, Illinois 62812
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 19, 2023

The Board of Education of the Benton Consolidated High School District #103 met in Regular Session on Thursday, January 19, 2023 at 5:00 P.M. in the District Board Room. President, Robin LaBuwi called the meeting to order.

Mark Dyel opened in prayer and Kenny Irvin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Robin LaBuwi, President; Marci Glover, Vice-President; Mitch Bennett, Secretary; Mark Dyel and Kenny Irvin. Board members absent: Robby Cockrum and Shane Cockrum.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Sean Docherty, Principal; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; Ronda Suver, Board Recording Secretary; Heather Mitchell, Curriculum/Technology Director; Cole Buchanan, Student Council Representative; and community members.

4. CURRICULUM DIRECTOR REPORT

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

5.1 Appointment/Compensation/Discipline/Performance of Personnel

5.2 Collective Bargaining

5.3 Security Procedures, School Building Safety and Security

Mark Dyel made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Appointment, Compensation, Discipline, and Performance of Personnel; Collective Bargaining; and Security Procedures. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

The Board; Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; and Ronda Suver, Board Recording Secretary entered into an Executive Session in the Executive Board Room at 5:15 P.M.

Open Session - The Board reconvened in an Open Session at 6:23 P.M. Mitch Bennett, Secretary called the roll. Answering present: Mark Dyel – yes, Marci Glover – yes, Kenny Irvin – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes and Mitch Bennett - yes. Board members absent: Robby Cockrum and Shane Cockrum.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Sean Docherty, Principal; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; Ronda Suver, Board Recording Secretary; Heather Mitchell, Curriculum/Technology Director; and Cole Buchanan, Student Council Representative.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

6.1 Approve Minutes: Regular Board Meeting Minutes, December 15, 2022
Executive Board Meeting Minutes, December 15, 2022

6.2 Approve Financial Report (December 2022)

6.3 Approve Payment of Bills (December 2022)

6.4 Review/Approve Final Reading Board Policy Updates from Press Plus Issue 110

6.5 Review/Approve Konica Minolta Copier Lease Proposal (ENCL A)

6.6 Review/Approve Franklin County Regional Delivery System Intergovernmental Agreement Resolution (ENCL B)

Kenny Irvin made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mark Dyel seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Mark Dyel – yes, Marci Glover – yes, Kenny Irvin – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, and Mitch Bennett - yes. Motion Carried. A copy of Press Plus Issue 110, ENCL A and ENCL B have been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE REMARKS

Mr. Johnson commented on the following:

- Facility & Grounds Update
- Governor's Emergency Order, Legislative Updates and Mandates
- Financial Update
- Civic Center Agreement
- PD Updates for Faculty & Staff
- Economic Interest Statements Due

8. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

9. OLD BUSINESS

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Assignment of Personnel Mark Dyel made a motion to assign Brian Blades as the assistant softball coach for the 2022-23 school year. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Mark Dyel made a motion to assign Lucas Roberts as the assistant baseball coach for the 2022-23 school year. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Mark Dyel made a motion to assign the following volunteer assistant baseball coaches for the 2022-23 school year: Josh Kinsman, Rich Hill, Levi Pearce, Justin Head, and Jason Tieffel. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Kenny Irvin made a motion to assign Catlyn Freehill as the assistant girls track coach for the 2022-23 school year. Mark Dyel seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

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10.2 Employment of Personnel Mark Dyel made a motion to employ Melodee Garner as a teacher for the 2023-24 school year. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Mark Dyel made a motion to employ Kristy Wissinger as a teacher for the 2023-24 school year. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

10.3 Review/Approve Posting of Open Positions Mark Dyel made a motion to authorize the administration to post the position of special education teacher as available for the 2023-24 school year. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

10.4 Review/Approve Addendum to Intergovernmental Agreement to Provide Police and Security Services Kenny Irvin made a motion to approve the Addendum to the Intergovernmental Agreement to Provide Police and Security Services as presented. Mark Dyel seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried. A copy of this addendum has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

10.5 Review/Approve Surplus Property Mitch Bennett made a motion to approve the designation of surplus property as presented. Marci Glover seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

10.6 Review/Approve Proposal for Graduation Date and Time Kenny Irvin made a motion to approve graduation on May 13, 2023 at 4:00 P.M. Mark Dyel seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

11. BOARD OF EDUCATION REMARKS Kenny Irvin asked if we could honor the military at a basketball game.

12. ADJOURNMENT Kenny Irvin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 P.M. Mark Dyel seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

BOARD PRESIDENT

BOARD SECRETARY